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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Addresses Voters in South Gate; Seeks to Restore Public Confidence for Tuesday's Recall Election

*Says First Obligation is to Ensure that Voters in South Gate Have the
Highest Level of Confidence in the Elections Process*

SOUTH GATE --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley addressed voters in the City of South Gate today in preparation for Tuesday's recall election, explaining the measures he is taking to both assure that the election is administered fairly and to restore voter confidence in South Gate's electoral process.

"As the Chief Elections Officer of California, I want more than anything else for the citizens of South Gate to know that this election will be both fair and accurate," said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley. "I'm here to ensure that voters have the highest level of confidence in the elections process."

In response to serious past allegations of elections misconduct in South Gate, legislation was passed to transfer the administration of special and recall elections in South Gate to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, who will be conducting Tuesday's recall election.

"It is necessary to make sure we guarantee the integrity of the process," continued Shelley. "When voters go to the polls tomorrow, they can be confident that their election will be administered by a professional and neutral third party, and that strong safeguards are in place to prevent any instance of election misconduct."

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